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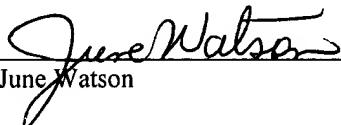
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003.

A set of claims is included, beginning on page 2, for the convenience of the Examiner.

Remarks begin on page 4.